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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/761,120

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jessica L. Frantz

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 48-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 48-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claim 58 is objected to because of the following informalities: the phrase "the fluid injector" should be changed to --the fuel injector--. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 48-51 and 53-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuehnle WO 98/20241. Kuehnle teaches the invention substantially as claimed including a method for operating a rotary motion machine 10 comprising a) atomizing and injecting a liquid fuel into and along a length of a chamber 38 defined by a radially expandable piston 36, the fuel combustion creating exhaust and causing the piston 36 to radially expand page 11 lines 21-31; b) replacing substantially all of the exhaust with pre-compressed fluid as the piston 36 is caused to contract and repeating steps a) and b) see page 12, lines 11-21 and page 14 lines 1-5. Furthermore, Kuehnle teaches that the step of replacing substantially all of the exhaust with pre-compressed fluid is carried out at least while the piston 36 is caused to contract page 12, lines 11-21 and that the piston 36 is caused to contract by relatively incompressible fluid propelled by a second radially expandable piston 36 expanding due to fuel combustion therein

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see page 9 line 27- page 10, line 5. Kuehnle also teaches a rotor 16 is rotated with the relatively incompressible fluid see page 9 line 27- page 10, line 5. Kuehnle further teaches a fuel injector 72, 74 that selectively injects liquid fuel into the chamber 38, a fluid intake valve 72 that allows pre-compressed fluid into the chamber 38, and at least one outlet valve 82 that selectively allows the exhaust to exit the chamber are closed during the fuel combustion see page 11, line 21- page 12, line 21. Kuehnle also teaches opening the fluid intake valve 72 and the outlet valve 82 about when the piston 36 has expanded to about its maximum dimension to allow the exhaust to leave the chamber 38 as the piston 36 is caused to contract see page 12, lines 11-21. Furthermore, Kuehnle teaches closing the outlet valve 82 about when substantially all of the exhaust has been replaced by the compressed fluid again see page 12, lines 11-21. Also, Kuehnle teaches the fluid injector 72, 74 injects fuel into the chamber 38 about when the piston 36 is contracted to its minimum diameter to atomize and inject fuel into and along a length of the chamber 38 see page 11, line 21- page 12, line 21.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 56-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuehnle WO 98/20241. Kuehnle is discussed above but fails to explicitly teach that all of the exhaust has been replaced by the pre-compressed fluid about when the piston 36

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has contracted to about one-half its maximum diameter and that the closing the fluid intake valve 72 and the outlet valve 82 about when the piston 36 is contracted to about one-half its maximum diameter, the continued contraction of the piston 36 further compressing the pre-compressed fluid. However, the structure disclosed by Kuehnle is completely capable of operating in this manner and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have operated the apparatus according to this method to appropriately time the expansion and contraction of the pistons 36 for a particular task.

6. Claim 52 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuehnle WO 98/20241 in view of Russell WO 02/079625. Kuehnle teaches the claimed invention as discussed above but fails to teach the following claimed limitations that are taught by Russell: generating electricity by motion of at least on magnet 24 associated with the rotor H relative to a cooperatively arranged coil C for the purpose of generating electrical energy see Russell Abstract. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have to generate electricity by motion of at least on magnet 24 associated with the rotor H relative to a cooperatively arranged coil C for the purpose of generating electrical energy see Russell Abstract.

### ***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

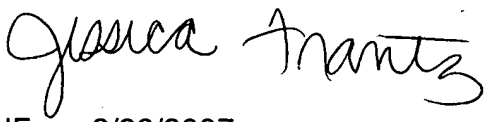
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica L. Frantz whose telephone number is 571-272-5822. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30a.m.-5:00p.m. E.S.T..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ehud Gartenberg can be reached on (571) 272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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